

Conference proceedings

For ICP7, we are collaborating with the journal *Diversity* (IF: 3.031) to produce a special conference proceedings issue, preliminarily entitled “Recent Advances in Taxonomy, Morphology and Evolution of Lice”. All participants who contribute either a talk or a poster to the conference are encouraged to rework their research on that topic into a manuscript for this special issue. This special issue will cover several, but not all, conference topics, including:

- Taxonomy, systematics and classification of Phthiraptera;
- Phylogenetic and co-phylogenetic analysis of lice;
- Population genetics of lice;
- Community structure of lice;
- Analysis of host association patterns;
- Biogeography of lice;
- Global change effects on biodiversity of lice;
- The effect of environmental factors on evolution, host associations, prevalence, abundance etc. of lice;
- The effect of host biology and ecology on evolution, host associations, prevalence, abundance etc. of lice;
- Evolution of lice;
- Morphology of lice (including *e.g.*, functional morphology, systematic morphology, etc.);
- Host switching in lice;
- Conservation of lice, including management of hosts with reference to preserving endangered lice;
- Review articles on these or any other related topics;
- Other suitable topics.



Manuscripts may also include other parasites, as long as lice are the main part of the manuscript.

Article processing charges

The journal *Diversity* charges a fee of 2000 CHF per manuscript, but this may be discounted or waived for authors from low- and middle-income countries on a case-by-case basis. *Diversity* may be willing to give a 20% discount on invited manuscripts.

Editors and submission

The main guest editors of this issue will be Daniel Gustafsson and Alexandra Grossi.

Note that *Diversity* does not have an upper- or lower-page limit. Even shorter contributions that are centered around a single photograph (with a shorter explanatory text rather than a regular manuscript text) may be accepted as an “Interesting Image” submission, which has special rules detailed on the journal homepage.

Submission of manuscripts is done through the *Diversity* journal homepage. *Diversity* operates under a Free Format submission system, meaning that submissions may be in any format, if it is internally consistent. However, upon acceptance the manuscript will need to be edited to conform to journal style, instructions for which can be found here:

<https://www.mdpi.com/journal/diversity/instructions>. Note that a template (Word or LaTeX format) for manuscripts is available at the *Diversity* homepage.

Manuscripts in which there is no detailed information on how specimens of lice were identified, or contributions in which this information is obviously erroneous (*e.g.*, references to sources that do not include keys or other identification material) will be sent back for correction to include this material before processing. Please include this information before submission. If you need help with relevant literature for identification, don't hesitate to contact the organizers of the conference *before* your presentation, and we will do what we can to help you.

The deadline for submission will be some months after the end of the conference, but is not set yet.